

## HB 119 -- Net Metering and Easy Connection Act

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This bill changes the laws regarding the Net Metering and Easy Connection Act by allowing a customer-generator with a capacity of up to 250 kilowatts to participate in the program. Currently, a customer-generator can participate if he or she has a system with a generating capacity of up to 100 kilowatts. The customer's electric generation capacity must not exceed 120% of the customer's own electrical energy requirements in order to participate in the program.

A customer-generator may receive a credit based on the retail value of the excess energy he or she produced during the billing period or once in the lifetime of a generating system the customer-generator may elect to annually have the excess kilowatt-hours generated credit converted to a dollar amount equal to the avoided fuel cost and then within 45 days of January 1 of the following year have the calculated dollar amount paid as compensation to the customer-generator. The once in a lifetime election must be made by the customer-generator at the time the application for interconnection is submitted to the supplier. Currently, the customer-generator is to be credited an amount at least equal to the avoided fuel cost of the excess kilowatt-hours generated during the billing period with this credit applied to the following billing period.

Beginning on December 1, 2012, and on or before December 1 of each year thereafter, the bill requires a rural electric cooperative to vote to allow customer-generators to install an electric generating system with a capacity of not more than 250 kilowatts and prohibits a cooperative from denying a customer-generator from installing a generation system with a capacity of not more than 100 kilowatts.